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EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION THAT PERHAPS THE GOVERNOR OF AMERICN SAMOA COULD ATTEND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEGRATIONS IN WESTERN SAMOA ON JUNE 1-2 WAS BASED ON PREVIOUSLY-REACHED CONCLUSION HERE THAT THERE WAS NO REAL NEED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM WELLINGTON, PARTICULARLY

GIVEN AMBASSADOR SELDEN'S RECENT SEMI-ANNUAL VISIT AND HIS CURRENT ABSENCE FROM POST FOR HOME LEAVE/CONSULTATIONS.

IF PRESENCE OF GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA NOT FEASIBLE/APPROPRIATE, THEN EMBASSY SEES NO REQUIREMENT FOR OTHER AMERICAN REPRESENTATION. WESTERN SAMOAN HIGH COMMISSIONER UNDERSTANDS SITUATION AND IS RELAXED AT THE IDEA THAT THERE WILL BE NO AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION THIS YEAR.

SCHEDULED PARTICIPATION OF U.S. NAVY P-3 ORION AIRCRAFT IN INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCES ASSURES HIGHLY VISIBLE U.S. PRESENCE IN APIA DURING THIS PERIOD AND SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT. HEALY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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